



Chinese Perspectives on India and Indian People

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Abstract

As the two most populous countries with a growing economy, China and India have become formidable forces on the world stage. The relationship between the two countries are more than complex. How Chinese people see India and Indian people has become a significant topic to study. This poster is designed to study the Sino-Indian relations with a focus on Chinese public opinions on India and Indian people.

Background

China and India are recognized as the fastest growing economies in the world

The economic relations between China and India have shown significant improvement in the past decades

China has become India's largest trading partner and India has emerged as the 9th largest trade partner of China

From a Slow Lane to a Fast Lane

Questionnaire Survey

14 questions, 350 distributed, 268 valid

❖ Age

18-30	221	82%
31-50	28	11%
No response	15	6%
51+	4	1%
Total	268	100%

❖ Gender

Male	133	50%
Female	121	45%
Did not specify	14	5%
Total	268	100%

❖ Education

College	167	62%
Postgraduate	62	23%
High School	23	9%
Not implied	16	6%
Total	268	100%

❖ Location

China	202	75%
USA	54	20%
Other countries	10	4%
Did not specify	2	1%
Total	268	100%

❖ Occupation

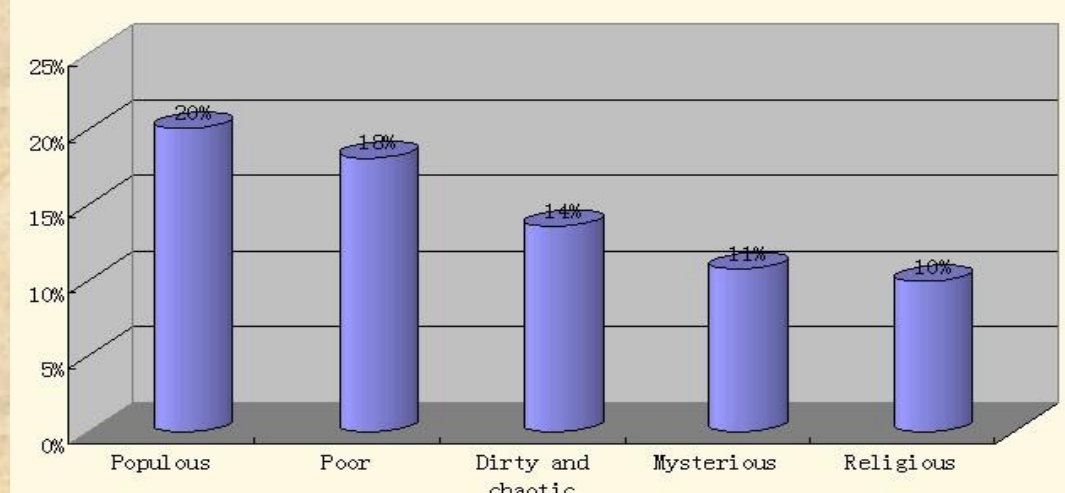
Students	91	34%
Professionals	68	25%
Office workers	32	12%
Government officials	23	9%
Managerials	21	8%
Workers	16	6%
Self-employed	6	2%
Unemployed	4	1%
No response	7	3%
Total	268	100%

❖ Been to India?

No	259	97%
Yes	5	2%
Did not answer	4	1%
Total	268	100%

How Chinese People Think of India and Indian People ?

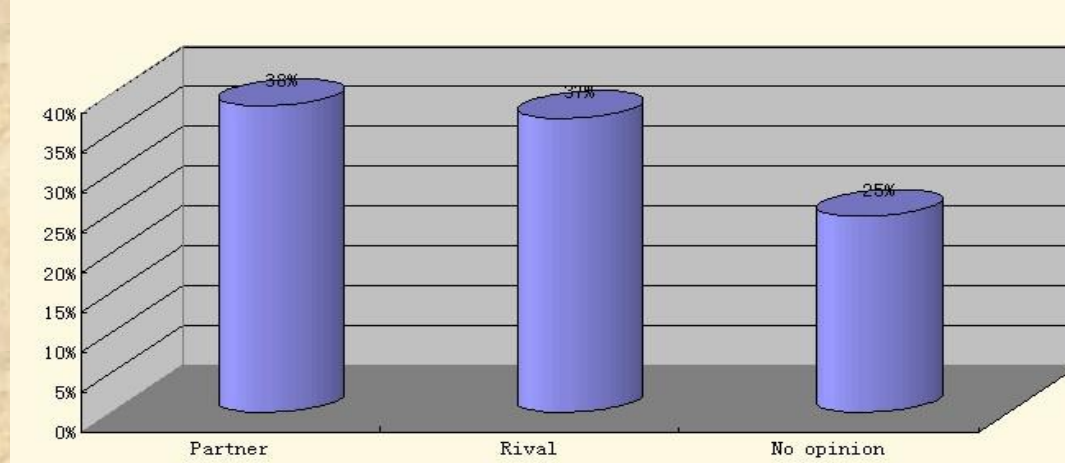
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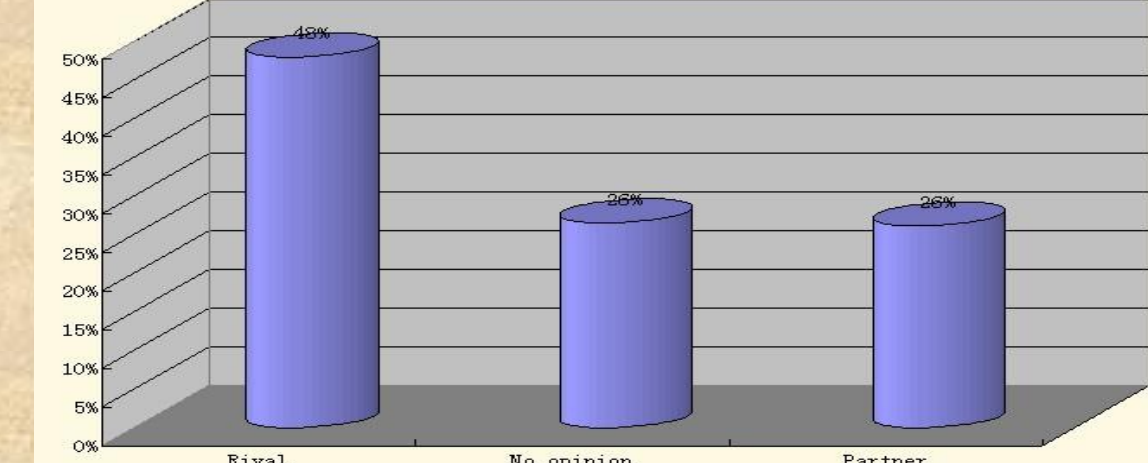
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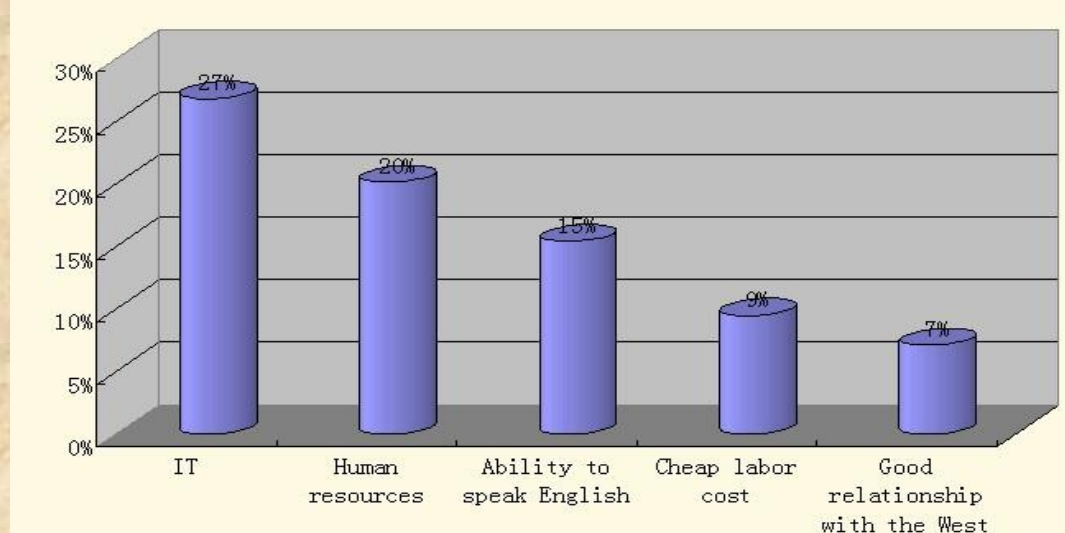
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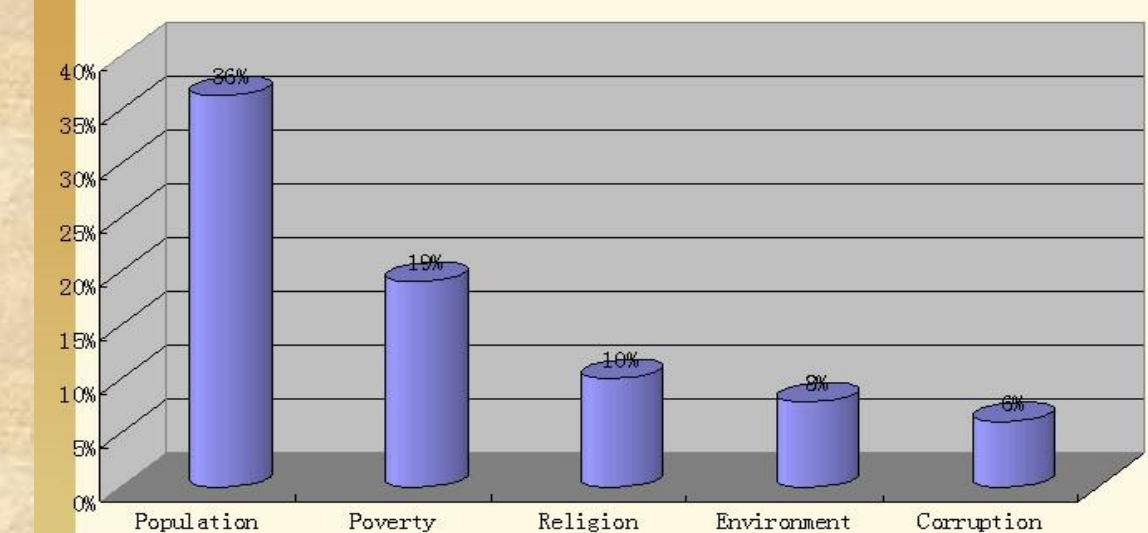
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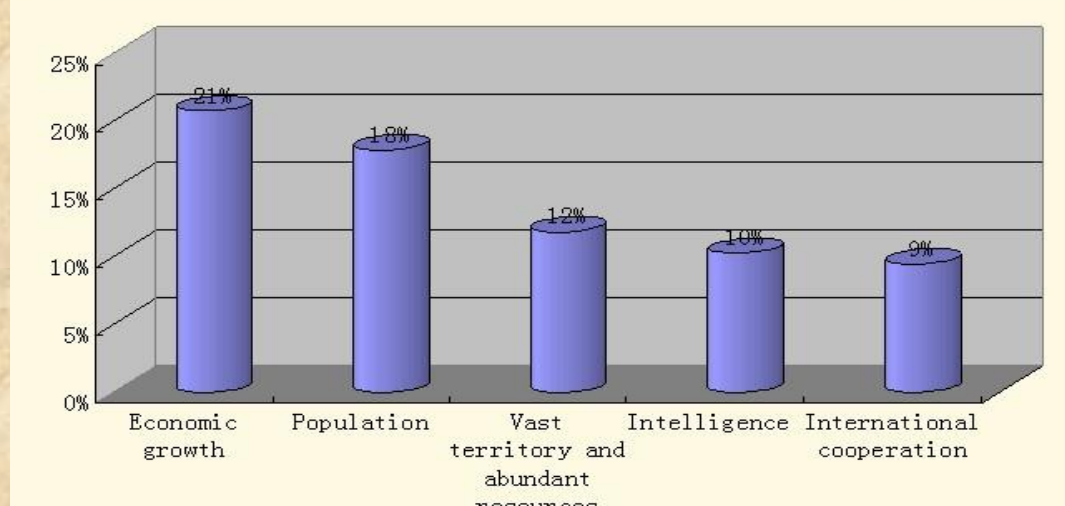
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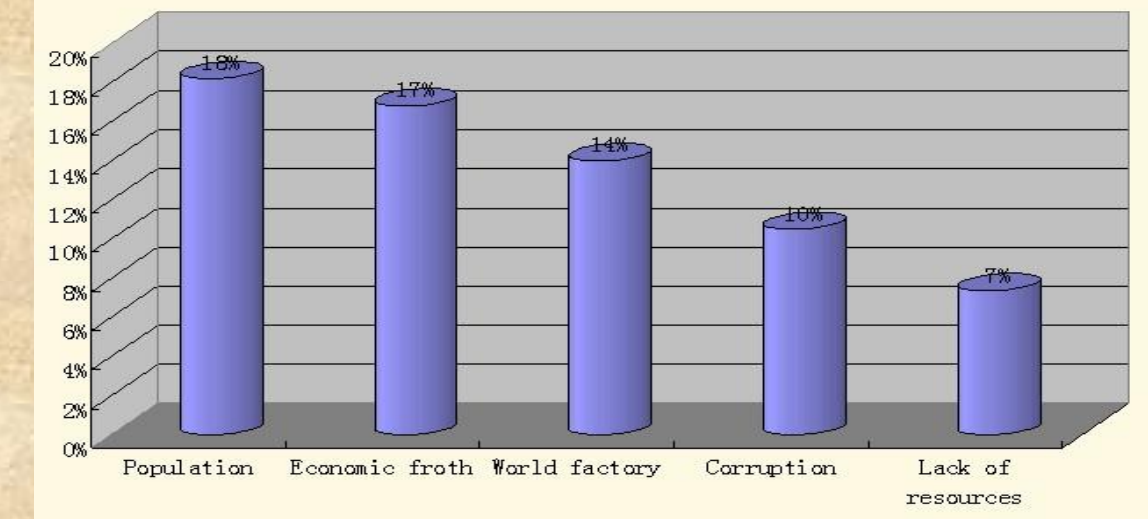
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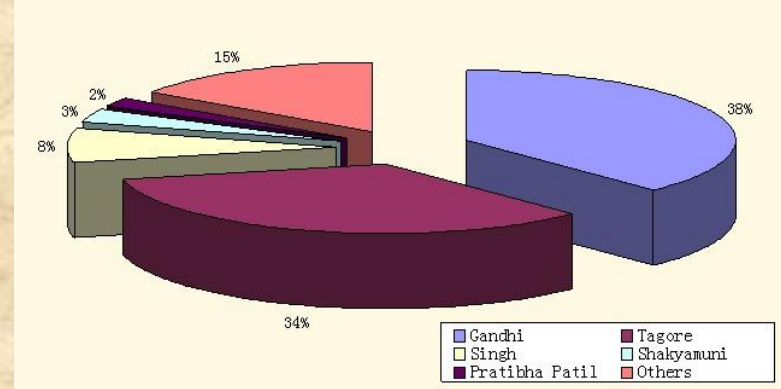
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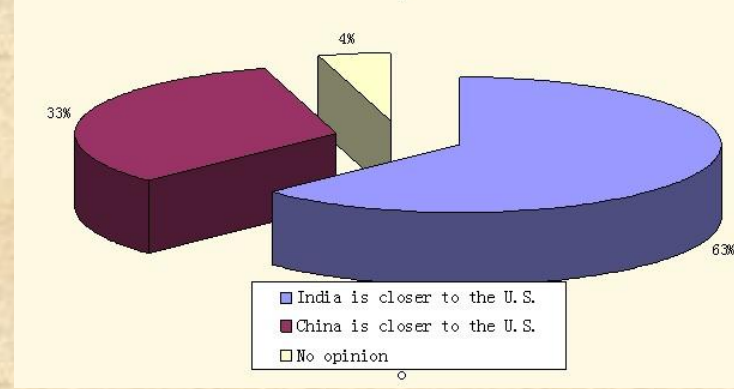
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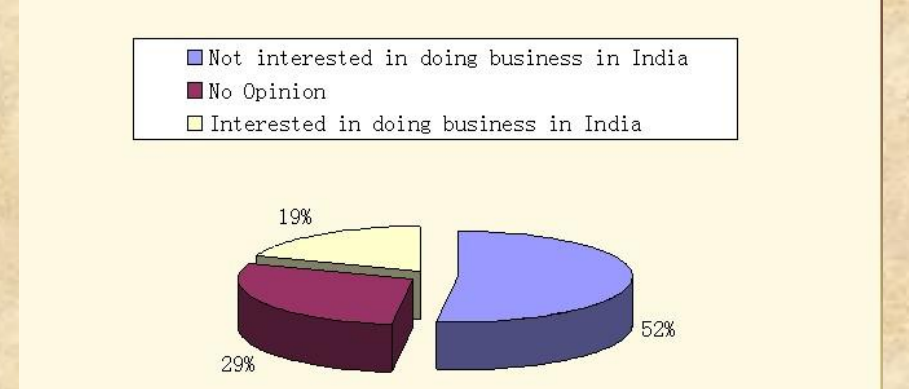
Who Is the Most Famous Indian?



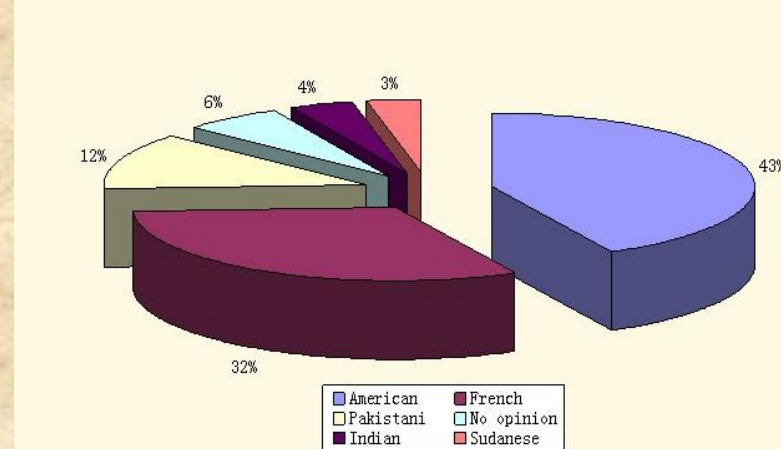
Who Is Closer to the U.S.?



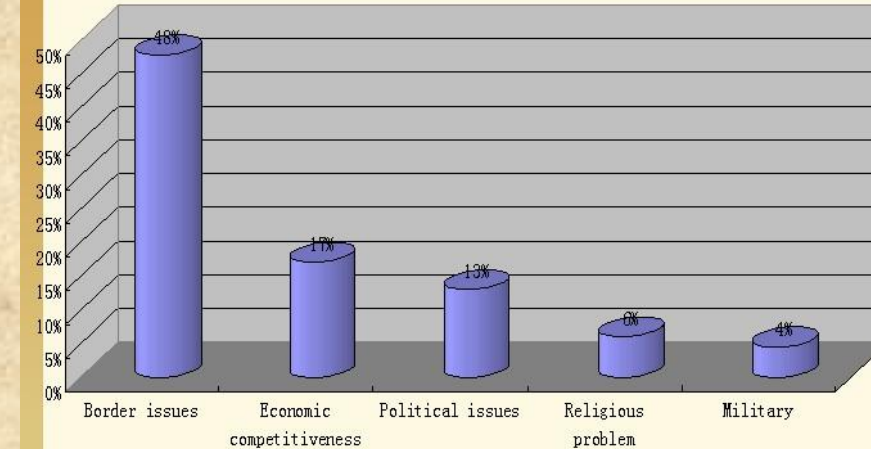
Interested in Doing Business in India?



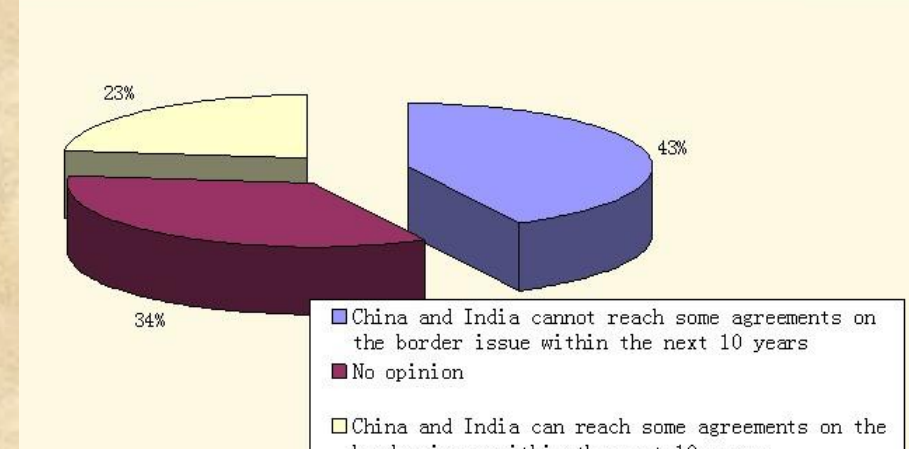
Whom Do You Want to Pick as Your Friend?



What Is the Biggest Conflict between China and India?



On Sino-Indian Border Disputes



Research Findings

- Economically, China and India are regarded as both partners and rivals.
- Politically, China and India are seen more as rivals than partners.
- The border disputes between the two countries remain a thorny issue. No clear solution in the near future.
- Chinese people do not know India and Indian people well. What they do know or what they think they know is more negative than positive.
- A majority are not interested in doing business in India, even when opportunities are available.
- India's strengths can be perceived as potential areas for collaboration between China and India.
- India's large population, persistent poverty, or religious beliefs are regarded as weaknesses.
- Economic growth is seen as a byproduct of rapid economic growth.
- Sino-Indian relations will not improve a great deal in a short time.

Conclusion

